



Service Through the Ages

February 28 and March 1, 2013
Helena, Montana

AGENDA

ServeMontana Symposium	
Thursday, February 28, 2013	
7:30 am	Registration opens with coffee available
9:00 am	Welcome and Introductions
9:30 am	Opening Keynote Speaker <i>Service Through the Ages</i>
11:00 am	<i>Break</i>
11:30 am	ServeMontana Awards Luncheon <i>Presenting the ServeMontana Awards and ReadyMontana Awards</i>
1:30 pm	<i>Break</i>
2:00 pm	Breakout Session A
	Legislative Rules <i>Educate or lobby? Speaking up or speaking out? Explore the rules regarding the legislative process and the ways your nonprofit can get involved.</i>
	Veterans and Military Families <i>How do we best serve those who served us? Learn to understand and address the needs of our veterans and their military families.</i>
	Measuring Performance and Demonstrating Impact <i>Highlighting your measurable results is vital in today's world of limited funding. Gain new insights on ways to showcase the successes of your nonprofit.</i>
3:15 pm	<i>Break</i>
3:30 am	Breakout Session B
	Building Tribal Relations <i>Involving Tribal Nations is key to serving the variety of needs in Montana's populations. Find out how to build relationships and develop new partnerships.</i>
	Best Practices for Remote Facilitation <i>Our vast state requires remote meetings. Learn tools to use and techniques to implement for successful conference calls, webinars, and video conferences.</i>
	Developing Leaders <i>Great leaders create inclusive, thriving projects, and bring out the best in others. Learn the skills needed to advance and turn your volunteers into leaders.</i>
4:45 pm	<i>Break</i>
5:00 pm	Reception at ExplorationWorks! <i>This networking opportunity at Helena's Science Center will include a chili feed and the opportunity to view the new exhibit "Unstoppable Forces: Weather Unleashed."</i>

Friday, March 1, 2013	
8:00 am	Vendor fair opens with coffee available
9:00 am	Breakout Session C – Part 1
	Grant Writing – Part 1 <i>How do you search for an RFP, understand the process, and answer the questions while best describing your project with a limiting word count? Refine your grant writing skills and learn techniques to help increase your funding.</i>
	Managing Volunteers in Times of Disaster – Part 1 <i>Hear from those who were part of recent recovery efforts! Gain best practices and tips for both being a volunteer and managing volunteers when disaster strikes.</i>
	Using Inclusive Language and Building Inclusive Programs – Part 1 <i>Join this experiential session led by NCBI Missoula to explore our cultural lenses and learn effective communications skills that lead to inclusive programs.</i>
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am	Breakout Session C – Part 2
	Grant Writing – Part 2
	Managing Volunteers in Times of Disaster – Part 2
	Using Inclusive Language and Building Inclusive Programs – Part 2
11:45 am	Break
12:15 pm	Plenary Speaker and Lunch <i>The history of service and an eye looking forward</i>
1:45 pm	Break
2:15 pm	Breakout Sessions D
	Be Red Cross Ready <i>Do you know what to do in an emergency? Learn about disaster preparedness and resources for vulnerable populations from the experts at the Red Cross.</i>
	Developing Meaningful Service Projects <i>Service projects can have great impact on both the community and the participants. Learn how to plan, implement, and replicate successful projects.</i>
	Service Learning for All Programs <i>Learn how to utilize service to enhance the education experience by integrating learning opportunities with meaningful community service.</i>
4:00 pm	Departure- Safe travels!

Pre-Symposium Activities

Registration is not required for these events but participants will be asked to RSVP to serve@mt.gov.

Wednesday, February 27, 2013	
1:00-3:00 pm	Montana Commission on Community Service Meeting
2:00-5:00 pm	Community Service Projects for National Service Members <i>All AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers welcome!</i>
5:30-7:00 pm	All Member Gathering and Pizza Party

Check for updates and register online at serve.mt.gov. Call 406-444-9077 for more information.